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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and make of record the references identified below.

The references identified below were disclosed and/or cited in parent application Serial No. 09/784,705, filed February 14, 2001. As such, copies of the references are not included pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

A PTO-1449 form listing the references accompanies this paper. Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's initialing and returning the form to indicate that the references have been reviewed and made of record. The references are as follows:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
Document No.	Issue Date or Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant
Serial No. 09/669,267	Filed 9/25/00	Ellson
Serial No. 09/669,996	Filed 9/25/00	Ellson et al.
Serial No. 09/669,997	Filed 9/25/00	Mutz et al.
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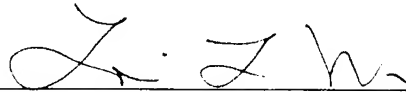
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